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1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF LUNS' INTRODUCTORY
REMARKS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER OPENING CEREMONY OF THE
SUMMIT.

2. LUNS' CHEF DE CABINET INFORMS US THAT SPEECH, AS RESULT
OF OUR APPROACH (REFTEL), IS ROUGHLY TWO-THIRDS ENGLISH
AND ONLY ONE-THIRD FRENCH, RATHER THAN ALLOTING THE
CUSTOMARY EQUAL TIME TO BOTH OFFICIAL LANGUAGES. HE ADDED
THAT IF WE WANTED TO REDUCE AMOUNT OF FRENCH STILL FURTHER,
LUNS WOULD FEEL OBLIGED TO CONSULT WITH FRENCH DELEGATION
WHICH WOULD REACT VERY NEGATIVELY. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NOT
COMPLETELY SATISFACTORY, WE BELIEVE THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENT
IS BEST WE CAN DO AND WE SHOULD NOT PRESS FOR MORE.
END COMMENT.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

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- INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE
- OPENING SESSION OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING
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THIS YEAR AS LAST, A LARGE NUMBER OF HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS SESSION OF THE NORTH
ATLANTIC COUNCIL. I SHOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS MY SPECIAL
THANKS TO OUR HOST, PRESIDENT CARTER, FOR URGING THAT THIS
MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, AND FOR
RECEIVING US HERE IN WASHINGTON, THE CAPITAL OF THE UNITED

STATES--THIS GREAT COUNTRY WHICH, FOR OVER TWO CENTURIES, HAS EPI-
TOMIZED FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE AND WHICH, FOR CLOSE ON THIRTY YEARS, HAS BEEN THE ROCK ON WHICH THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF OUR ALLIANCE ULTIMATELY RESTS.

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BEFORE TURNING TO THE PRESENT, I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE STATESMAN WHO DIED SO PREMATURELY AND TRAGICALLY AND TO WHOM THE BUILDING IN WHICH WE HAVE GATHERED TODAY IS DEDICATED: PRESIDENT KENNEDY. DURING HIS BRIEF TENURE AT THE WHITE HOUSE, JOHN KENNEDY'S INNOVATING SPIRIT AND STRENGTH OF PURPOSE IN TIMES OF DIFFICULTY EARNED HIM UNIVERSAL ESTEEM AND AROUSED GREAT EXPECTATIONS THAT WERE DASHED BY HIS BRUTAL ASSASSINATION.

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THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE POLICY OF DETENTE LAUNCHED SOME YEARS AGO BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE HAS IMPROVED THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE, IN PARTICULAR ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, HOWEVER, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE EFFORTS AND GOOD WILL OF THE ALLIES, MANY ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT PROGRESSING AS WELL AS MIGHT BE DESIRED. ALSO, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA, THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CONFLICTS AND INCIDENTS, WHICH FREQUENTLY ARE AGGRAVATED BY SOVIET INTERVENTION OR THAT OF THEIR SATELLITES. IT MAY NOT ALWAYS BE POSSIBLE TO LIMIT THE
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REPERCUSSIONS OF THESE EVENTS, WHICH COULD JEOPARDISE THE INTERESTS AND THE SECURITY OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE. I AM CONVINCED THAT IN THE FACE OF SUCH SITUATIONS OUR ALLIANCE WOULD GAIN ADDED CREDIBILITY IF IT DEMONSTRATED MORE CLEARLY ITS RESOLVE AND IDENTITY OF VIEWS WHENEVER THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY OF ITS MEMBERS IS AT STAKE.

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THE MILITARY SITUATION, TOO, GIVES GROUNDS FOR CONCERN. THE NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY WHICH THE WARSAW PACT HAS LONG ENJOYED IN TERMS OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES IS NOW COUPLED WITH A DEGREE OF TECHNOLOGICAL SOPHISTICATION DIMINISHING THE QUALITATIVE GAP THAT PREVIOUSLY OFFSET ALLIED INFERIORITY IN MANNING LEVELS. ALSO, AND THIS I REGARD AS PARTICULARLY GRAVE, THE SOVIET UNION HAS IN RECENT YEARS BUILT UP NAVAL AND AIR CAPABILITY THAT ENABLES ITS CONVENTIONAL FORCES EITHER TO INTERVENE DIRECTLY OR TO SUPPORT ITS ALLIES' ACTIVITIES IN AREAS INCREASINGLY FAR REMOVED FROM ITS OWN FRONTIERS.

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HOWEVER, IT DOES SEEM TO ME--AND THIS IS REASSURING--THAT BOTH THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLE OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF

THE ALLIANCE ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE DANGEROUS NATURE OF THE WORLD WE LIVE IN AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE SINE QUA NON FOR THE PURSUIT OF DETENTE IS THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ADEQUATE DEFENCE CAPABILITY TO RESIST NOT ONLY OPEN AGGRESSION, WHICH IS PERHAPS UNLIKELY, BUT ALSO ANY FORM OF PRESSURE. THIS AWARENESS HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN A NUMBER OF CONCRETE DECISIONS: IN THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS PRESENTED A FIVE-YEAR PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO ENABLE HIS COUNTRY TO REINFORCE THE DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE IN THE EVENT OF ATTACK.

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A GROWING NUMBER OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO DECIDED TO INCREASE THE RESOURCES TO BE ALLOCATED TO DEFENCE. IN THE ALLIANCE FINALLY--AND IT IS THIS COLLECTIVE EFFORT THAT I BELIEVE TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE--THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE HAVE ALL APPROVED A LONG TERM DEFENCE PROGRAM. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, EACH PARTICIPANT, ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC, WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMON DEFENCE IN PROPORTION TO ITS CAPABILITIES. ON THE AMERICAN SIDE, ADDITIONAL MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF EUROPE. ON THE EUROPEAN SIDE, EACH COUNTRY WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE SO THAT REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC CAN BE USED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY. AS REGARDS ARMAMENTS, IT IS PLANNED TO EXPAND IN A BALANCED FASHION THE EXISTING COOPERATION BETWEEN AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PARTNERS.

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SI IMPORTANT SOIT-IL, CE PROGRAMME DE DEFENSE A LONG TERME N'EST QU'UN DES ASPECTS DE CE QUI ME PARAÎT CARACTERISER L'EVOLUTION RECENTE DE NOTRE ALLIANCE: UNE PRISE DE CONSCIENCE CROISSANTE DE NOTRE SOLIDARITE, UNE AFFIRMATION

RENOUVELEE DES ENGAGEMENTS DE CHACUN A DEFENDRE LA
SECURITE DE TOUS. LA PARTICIPATION AU CONSEIL DE
L'ATLANTIQUE NORD, POUR LA SECONDE FOIS EN UN PEU PLUS D'UN
AN, DES PLUS HAUTES AUTORITES DES PAYS DE 'ALLIANCE EST
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UNE MANIFESTATION ECLATANTE DE CET ESPRIT DE SOLIDARITE.
LES DECLARATIONS REPETEEES DU PRESIDENT CARTER SELON
LESQUELLES L'ALLIANCE ATLANTIQUE RESTE AU CENTRE DE LA
POLITIQUE ETRANGERE DES ETATS-UNIS EN SONT UNE AUTRE. EN
ENTENDANT LE PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS PROCLAMER QUE SON
PAYS, LOIN DE REDUIRE SES ENGAGEMENTS A L'EGARD DE
L'EUROPE, EST DECIDE A LES RENFORCER, LES ETATS EUROPEENS
VOIENT CONSOLIDES LEUR CONFIANCE DANS L'ALLIANCE, ET LEUR
SENTIMENT DE PARTICIPER A LA DEFENSE D'UNE CIVILISATION
COMMUNE. NOTRE SOLIDARITE POURRAIT SE DEVELOPPER ENCORE
ET S'ETENDRE AU DOMAINE ECONOMIQUE: LES PAYS DE L'ALLIANCE
NE BENEFICIENT PAS TOUS, LOIN DE LA, DU MEME NIVEAU DE
DEVELOPPEMENT, ET JE SOUHAITERAIS POUR MA PART QUE LES
PAYS RICHES SOIENT PLUS GENEREUX A L'EGARD DES MOINS
FAVORISEES POUR LES AIDER A DEVELOPPER LEUR ECONOMIE OU
A RENFORCER LEUR CAPACITE MILITAIRE.

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J'AI DIT EN COMMENCANT QUE NOTRE MONDE ETAIT PLEIN DE
MENACES ET D'INCERTITUDES. IL N'EN EST QUE PLUS RECONFOR-
TANT DE VOIR QUE SUR LE PLAN INTERIEUR LES PAYS DE
L'ALLIANCE, QUI VIVENT TOUS DEPUIS PLUSIEURS ANNEES DEJA
SOUS DES REGIMES FONDES SUR LES PRINCIPES DE LA DEMOCRATIE,
LES LIBERTES INDIVIDUELLES ET LE REGNE DU DROIT, ONT SU
RESISTER AUX EFFORTS FAITS PAR DES MINORITES EXTREMISTES
ET VOCIFERANTES POUR EBRANLER LEUR STRUCTURE POLITIQUE ET
SOCIALE ET ONT SU LE FAIRE SANS PORTER ATTEINTE AUX
LIBERTES INDIVIDUELLES. CES PAYS, COTE A COTE AVEC LES PAYS
NEUTRES D'EUROPE, SONT APPARUS CLAIREMENT A BELGRADE COMME
LES CHAMPIONS DES DROITS DE L'HOMME. SANS ESPRIT DE
POLEMIQUE AUCUNE, ILS ONT DEMANDE L'APPLICATION INTEGRALE
DE L'ACTE FINAL D'HELSINKI, NOTAMMENT EN CE QUI CONCERNE
LA LIBERTE DE CIRCULATION DES HOMMES ET DES IDEES ET LE
RESPECT DES DROITS DE L'HOMME. LA GENE DE LEURS INTER-
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LOCUTEURS A BIEN MONTRE AU MONDE OU REGNAIT LA LIBERTE.

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A QUELQUES PAS D'ICI S'ELEVE LE MEMORIAL D'UN DES PLUS
ARDENTES DEFENSEURS DE CETTE LIBERTE, D'UN DES GRANDS
APOTRES DES DROITS DE L'HOMME, JE VEUX PARLER DU PRESIDENT

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. PUISSE SON EXEMPLE ECLAIRER NOS DEBATS ET
AIDER TOUS LES PEUPLES DE NOTRE ALLIANCE A MAINTENIR
VIVANTES DANS LE MONDE LA LIBERTE ET LA DEMOCRATIE PARTOUT
MENACEES, NON SEULEMENT PAR LA DICTATURE ET LA TERREUR,
MAIS AUSSI, DE FACON PLUS SUBTILE MAIS PEUT-ETRE AUSSI
INQUIETANTE, PAR UN ATTACHEMENT TROP EXCLUSIF AU CONFORT
ETAUX BIENS MATERIELS. END TEXT. GLITMAN

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